

PLEASE AMEND THE SPECIFICATION AS FOLLOWS:

After the title, insert -- This is a division of Patent Application serial number 09/442,499, filing date 11/18/99, Plasma Etch Method For Forming Plasma Etched Silicon Layer, assigned to the same assignee as the present invention.

REMARKS

A reference to the parent case has been added by Preliminary Amendment to this Divisional Patent Application.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Allowance of the subject Patent Application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Remarks

Examiner Goudreau is thanked for the thorough Office Action.

In the Claims

Claims 2 to 16 have been canceled with original claim 1 from the parent application being maintained.

In the parent application, additional claims were submitted but were withdrawn due to a Restriction Requirement. Those additional claims 19, 25 and 31 in the parent application have been re-submitted herein as new claims 17, 18 and 19 written in independent form.

Claims 20 to 24 are new, depend from independent claim 17 and correspond to claims 2 to 5 and 22, respectively, from the parent application.

Claims 25 to 28 are new, depend from independent claim 18 and correspond to claims 8 to 10 and 28, respectively, from the parent application.

Claims 29 to 32 are new, depend from independent claim 19 and correspond to claims 13 to 15 and 34, respectively, from the parent application.

CONCLUSION

Allowance of all pending claims 1 and 17 to 32 is requested. Issuance of the application is requested.

It is requested that the Examiner telephone Stephen G. Stanton, Esq. (#35,690) at (610) 296 - 5194 or the undersigned attorney/George Saile, Esq. (#19,572) at (845) 452 - 5863 if the Examiner has any questions or issues that may be resolved to expedite prosecution and place this Application in condition for Allowance.

Respectively submitted,

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